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In reply please refer to:

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Prière de rappeler la référence:

Dear Dr Nathans,

... I enclose herewith the report of the meeting on the justification for the retention and use of variola virus in the post eradication era. Your letter dated 7 February was submitted for the information of the participants. We plan to have another review meeting, perhaps in 1982, three years later. I believe the meeting reached very sensible conclusions. The report was prepared to be submitted to the Global Commission which meets again in December this year.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'I. Arita', written in a cursive style.

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*Libby, Please let me leave  
my letter to Dr Arita of Feb. 7.  
Thanks*